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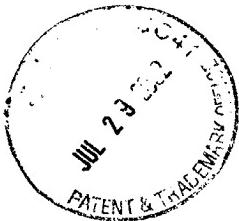
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

RE: Applicants: Daniel G. Schweikert, John F. MacDonald

Assignee: Sun Microsystems, Inc.

Title: METAL REGION FOR REDUCTION OF CAPACITIVE COUPLING BETWEEN SIGNAL LINES

Serial No.: 09/452,367 Filed: November 30, 1999

Examiner: Mitchell, James Group Art 2827  
M. Unit:

Docket No.: P-3790

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents for the response to the Office Action dated April 26, 2002 in the above application:

1. Return Receipt Postcard;
2. Check in the amount of \$84.00 for claims fees;
3. Transmittal Letter (2 pages); and
4. Amendment (10 pages) with:
  - a. A separate paper entitled "Clean Copy of Replacement Claims" (6 pages); and
  - b. A separate paper entitled "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made" (2 pages).

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- The additional claim fees have been calculated as shown below:

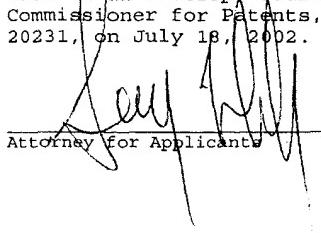
CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining after Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	32	- 34	= 0	x \$18.00	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	5	- 4	= 1	x \$84.00	\$ 84.00
First filing of Multiple Dependent Claim (Enter \$270)					0.00
				Total of above Calculation	\$84.00
				Reduction by 50% for filing by Small Entity (Enter 0.5 for small entity)	1.0
				Subtotal	\$ 84.00
				Submission of Information Disclosure Statement Fee (enter \$180)	0.00
				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 84.00</b>

- Conditional Petition for Extension of Time: If an extension of time is required for timely filing of the enclosed documents after all papers filed with this transmittal have been considered, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such an extension of time.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required for consideration of the enclosed documents, and to credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0553.

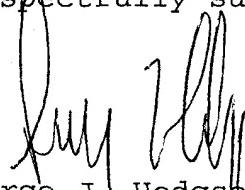
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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on July 18, 2002.

  
Attorney for Applicants

July 18, 2002  
Date of Signature

Respectfully submitted,

  
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